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Psalm 51:1-19

A Prayer for Cleansing

1 A psalm of David. It was written when the prophet Nathan came to David after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

- O God, be merciful to me,
because You are a loving God.
Because You are always ready to be merciful,
wipe out all of my rebellions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly of my guilt,
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 I admit my rebellions;
my sin is continually right there in front of me.
I have sinned against You, and You alone.
I have done wrong in Your sight.
So, You are proved right when You sentence me.
You are fair when You judge me.
- 5 Listen, I was brought forth into a world of wrongdoing.
In the surroundings of sin did my mother conceive me.
- 6 Listen, You want me to be completely honest.
So, teach me true wisdom.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I will be pure.
Wash me; then I will be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear sounds of joy and gladness.
Let the bones that You crushed be happy again.
- 9 Turn Your face away from my sins.
Wipe out all of my guilt!
- 10 Create a pure heart for me, O God.
Please renew a solid spirit within me.
- 11 Do not send me away from Your presence!
Don't take Your holy spirit away from me.
- 12 Give me back the joy of Your salvation.
Grant me a volunteering attitude to keep me going.

13 Then I will teach Your ways to those who rebel.

And, sinners will turn back to You.

14 O God, deliver me from the guilt of murder!

O God, You are the One who saves me.

I will sing loudly about Your righteousness.

15 O Lord, let me speak,

so that I may praise You.

16 You take no delight in sacrifices.

If You did, then I would offer them.

You do not savor a whole burnt-offering.

17 No, the sacrifice that God wants is a broken spirit.

O God, You will not reject a heart

that is broken and sorry for its sin.

18 Do for Zion whatever good You please, O God!

Build up the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then You will take delight in the proper sacrifices and whole burnt-offerings.

And, bulls will be offered on Your altar.